

## HEAD DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

PAULINE MARIE MAYER AND PRINCESS WATAWASCO ARE INTERESTING ATTRACTIONS.

Chautauqua Patrons Delighted With Two Charming Young Ladies—Sala and the Assistant Reader Most Delightful Music—Interpretative Readings by Prof. Hardy.

From The Daily Item, April 24. Two very distinguished visitors, three in fact, were brought to Sumter yesterday on the Chautauqua program. Miss Marie Mayer, the Mary Magdalene of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and Princess Watawasco, were two of the visitors who honored Sumter by their presence and Antonio Sala, one of the leading cellists of the world was the third distinguished visitor.

The two young ladies, for both of them are young and charming in their appearance and manners, delighted the patrons of the Chautauqua, who heard them. Yesterday afternoon and last night Princess Watawasco told her audiences things about her people, the Red men, and sang some of the Indian songs for them. She was applauded heartily and sang as a last encore an American song, to show her audience that she also could sing their songs, she said. Her graciousness and pleasing personality quite captivated her audience. Miss Watawasco was dressed in Indian garb which added to the effect of her Indian songs and tales.

In the afternoon Miss Marie Mayer, the Mary Magdalene of the Oberammergau Passion play, told in clear and pleasing style, but with a touch of foreign accent, the story of her people and how every ten years they celebrated the great Passion Play. She spoke for an hour and the greater part of her audience was held as by a spell, while she was speaking. Her lecture was most instructive and interesting as an historical event.

Prof. Antonio Sala, the great cellist, and his assistants rendered delightful music both afternoon and evening. The Sala trio consisted of violin, cello and piano, while at the evening performance several song numbers of a popular character added variety to the program.

This morning Prof. Hardy, the leader of the community singing, which seems to be taking a stronger hold each day upon the Chautauqua audience, gave an instructive interpretative reading to the Philharmonic Club. He also sang several well chosen and enjoyable selections.

This afternoon the Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Company gave a popular musical program. Tonight will be one of the greatest numbers on the Chautauqua program, "The Mikado," performed by an all-star cast. This is one of the greatest light operas and it should be a performance long to last in the minds of Chautauqua patrons.

## PROVISION FOR LIQUOR TAXES.

House Leaders Expect to Get Good Deal of Revenue Out of John Barleycorn.

Washington, April 24.—In laying their plans for raising nearly \$2,000,000,000 for war expenses from new taxation, house leaders are proceeding upon confident belief that there will be no nationwide prohibition legislation at this session of congress. Even many of the most optimistic prohibition champions now are hoping for not more than a law forbidding the sale of liquor to soldiers or sailors.

The case against any attempt at general prohibition legislation has been based upon the arguments that a constitutional amendment could not be adopted and put into effect in less than a year or more, and that the government needs the revenue from liquor taxes for the war chest.

The ways and means subcommittee which is drafting a preliminary revenue bill is being urged to increase the levies on whiskey and beer to the highest possible figures. The proposal is being seriously considered, it is learned, and big advances in the present tax of \$1.10 a gallon on whiskey and \$1.50 a barrel on beer are certain to be recommended to the full committee.

The whiskey tax, according to a reliable authority, is certain to be more than \$2 a gallon, which was suggested to the committee by Secretary McAdoo in a recent communication.

## CLARK OPPOSES DRAFT.

Washington, April 24.—Speaker Clark in receiving the delegation from the National Security League opposed selective draft and predicted that it would never pass congress. The bill is being debated in both houses today.

## DUKE OF ABRUZZI COMING.

Rome, April 24.—It is expected that the Duke of Abruzzi will head the Italian mission to the United States.

## MAGNIFICENT IS "MIKADO."

HUGE CHAUTAUQUA AUDIENCE DELIGHTED WITH PRESENTATION OF OPERA.

Singing Splendid and Costumes and Scenery All That Could Have Been Expected—Orchestra Is Well Organized Musical Combination.

From The Daily Item, April 25.

"The best Chautauqua attraction which has ever been in Sumter" seems to be the general verdict of "The Mikado" as presented last night in the big Redpath tent by a strong and well balanced cast. Altogether delightful and satisfying was the performance and even the chronic kickers seem to have been fully satisfied by this attraction, which was seen by the largest audience of the season. Those who missed it missed something that was worth the price of the full Chautauqua ticket.

"The Mikado" is not new in that it was first put on the stage thirty-odd years ago, but it is new to practically all of the members of the Sumter audience, as in its tone and character it is forever new, suitable for any place and time.

It is impossible to go into a detailed description or elaboration of the play. The company was good. Arthur Aldrich and his supporters were all in excellent voice and the singing was the great and delightful feature of the performance, as it should be in light opera. The wit and cleverness of the words and action were in good keeping with the excellence of the singing, and the acting was on the high plane expected of an attraction heralded as this one had been. Not a word of complaint from any one has been heard by the writer on any of these scores. The orchestra was far better than usually goes with a high class attraction and handled the music in masterly style. Miss Valentine may be one of few women directors of orchestras, but she certainly makes a wonderful director. The costumes and scenery were gorgeous, as they were meant to be and even dazzling to the eye. As an oriental setting they could hardly be surpassed under the handicap of putting forth such an elaborate attraction under canvas.

As stated at the beginning, everybody who went was delighted, and those who remained away were sorry afterwards that they were not among "those present."

At the afternoon performance Miss Valentine with her orchestra and members of the Gilbert and Sullivan's Light Opera Company put on a concert which was pleasing for its variety and the excellence of the music.

## ENDORSE SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION.

Directors of Chamber of Commerce Adopt Resolutions Endorsing Administration Bill.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce at the meeting yesterday afternoon endorsed the selective conscription plan of President Wilson as urged upon congress. The following night letter was sent to Congressman Lever and to Senators Tillman and Smith:

"Resolved that in the judgment of the directors of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce the selective compulsory military service plan advocated by the president is the only fair, just, and practical plan of raising an army for the country's needs and should be enacted into law at once, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to our senators and representative."

The Charleston Chamber of Commerce recently passed a similar resolution as follows:

"Resolved, That in the judgment of the board of directors of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce the policy of selective compulsory military service advocated by the president of the United States should be enacted into law at once."

## ALL SEEK SAME END.

Balfour Says He Believes United States With Entente Powers Wants Destruction of Prussian Militarism.

Washington, April 25.—British Foreign Minister Balfour in an interview said the allies were completely convinced that the United States was wholeheartedly consecrated towards the common end of destroying Prussian militarism. He would not think of asking the United States to depart from its traditional policies, or enter any formal alliance which might prove embarrassing.

## BOND BILL SIGNED.

President Affixed Signature to Seven Billion War Revenue Measure.

Washington, April 24.—President Wilson today signed the war bond bill, authorizing the sale of five billion in government bonds, and the issue of two billion in treasury certificates.

## MOBILIZATION.

Conscription Better Than Volunteer Recruiting System, as Plan to Raise Army.

Editor Sumter Daily Item:

We are in a state of war. But it is a literal fact that we can not suddenly leave our peaceful pursuits to march away to fight Germany. We have no wild fury or hymn of hate to lead us on, nor incite us. We are not invaded, we cannot cry, "The Huns are at our doors." In fact we have no grievance so strong as to raise our country with one accord and show a united front. We must organize and be re-constructed before we can fight.

We of this generation with the stories fresh in our ears of how our sires seized their muskets and rushed away to defend their homes in '61, find our present condition very un-warlike. There is less of the smoking battlefield and more of politics now. There is no sound of the drum or bugle. This is a prosaic war. A war of bread and ships, a war of supplies. Was there ever a war with so little enthusiasm for the American people? Was there ever a war more political, a war with issues of politics; and the goal of victory a political settlement.

For what in the final analysis is the United States to gain for herself in this conflict? It is an attempt of President Wilson to apply the principal of democracy as a self-evident necessity to the nations of the earth. President Monroe formulated a principal of democracy for this continent in what is known as the Monroe doctrine. President Wilson is endeavoring to make a broader application of the same principal and apply it to the entire world. This is the issue and the nearest that there comes to a material issue for the people of these United States.

We must go through a metamorphosis, a change from our paths and construct an army exactly as we would a large machine of any kind. If we do not go about it in an orderly manner we defeat our own ends and are handicapped at the outset. Deliver us of a feigned enthusiasm, with roving recruiters trying to wheedle and cajole by fair means and foul, all of the male population of the country. Save us from the canting talk of "slackers" and "cowards" and such opprobrium. The men of the country stand ready to do their part when put to work in earnest. If we must fight to preserve our national honor and further political ends, let us start at the ground and build a foundation whereon we may raise a superstructure of an army in a cold business-like way. The war for us has not foisted on us any wild patriotic fever so far. It cannot. The greatest victories can be won by the largest number of guns and reserves of munitions, the final conquests will be in the council chambers of the peace delegates. We must furnish the overwhelming number of loaves of bread pounds of beef, and tons of shell, even if the morale of our people have to suffer. We can do this, but only by looking at the facts coldly, and equally coldly producing the necessary material. We must not go about it hysterically, branding all those who do not go wild with patriotism or junkerism, as degenerates and cowards, but rather consolidate our business, our industry and our resources to conserve one final end. Better it would be to have six months of organization by conscriptive mobilization than a year of a shouting, falsifying myopic recruiting campaign. In the choice of two evils choose the lesser. M. F.

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## FIRE GLASS BULLETS.

Germans Shoot Unusual Missiles at Russians.

Petrograd (via London), April 23.—The Germans on the northern part of the Russian front have been firing glass bullets from their rifles at the Russian line, says today's war official announcement. The statement reports exceptionally bad weather both in the Carpathians and on the Roumanian front, where blizzards have prevailed in the mountains and rain in the valleys. Hostile activities by Kurds against the Russians in Persia are increasing according to the announcement.

## Blanchard-Brunson

Miss Harriett L. Blanchard of this city and Mr. S. C. Leland Brunson of Sumter, S. C., were united in marriage April 19th, Rev. J. E. Calvin officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Croop were the attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunson will reside at 1554 Lake Street. They are receiving the congratulations of a host of friends.—Star-Gazette, Elmira, N. Y.

## Additions to Public Safety Fund.

The following additional subscriptions have been received by the Committee on Public Safety since the list was published several days ago: People's Pharmacy, \$5.00; The Battery \$5.00; Carolina Grocery Company, \$2.00.

## CROPS AT WISACKY.

Early Grain Looks Bad While Late Planted Crop Is in Good Condition—Gardens Doing Nicely.

Wisacky, April 24.—We are having delightful spring weather and all vegetation is growing rapidly. The recent heavy rains backed the earth, and the continuous sunshine ever since, has caused the earth to crust, but the farmers are rushing the plows and harrows, and will soon have this crust broken around the young crops. Most of the farmers have fair stands of cotton. Some who planted very early have had to plant part, if not all, of their crop over. Cotton, where up, looks well. The acreage of corn is not more in proportion to that of cotton. In some places the birds have been very destructive to the corn crop, damaging the stands badly. Early planted oats, where not killed, are very inferior, where planted over they look well and I hope will yield well, as all foodstuff for both man and beast, is very scarce.

Gardens are doing finely, and are now beginning to furnish us with something to vary our bill of fare.

Wheat looks very promising, but there is not very much of it planted, unfortunately. There is an abundant crop of fruit. Many are buying potato draws, and planting early peas and corn to meet an emergency, which I consider is very wise.

The Cooterboro colored school closed its exercises last Friday night. All the white folks of the community were invited to attend. Quite a number were present. Special seats were reserved for us, and we were treated very courteously. The exercises opened at 8 P. M. and continued until 12. The program was carried out most wonderfully well. The children were thoroughly drilled and performed beautifully, considering their advantages. Near the close of the performance the white men were invited to have something to say. Mr. Robert Cooper, Jr., made an excellent address on the important questions of the day, followed by Mr. Geo. McCutchen whose talk was very impressive, instructive and helpful. Each of the young men deserved credit for their excellent and appropriate addresses. The music was fine.

Mr. J. C. Scott, Mrs. DeHire, step-mother of Mrs. J. C. Scott, deceased, and Mrs. Rentlinger, are visiting at the home of Mr. W. W. McCutchen. The two last named were at one time missionaries to Africa, fifty years ago. These two old ladies were present at the occasion above mentioned, and witnessed what civilization has accomplished for these colored people. Dr. N. Y. Alford has been on the sick list for two weeks, and still confined to the house. He is very much missed, as his services are in great demand.

Mr. Willie McCutchen has just completed his modern cow barn, which makes seven on this creamery route, also six silos. The members of the association are still very much pleased with this new enterprise.

This has been a very favorable season for raising young chickens, and those who have given their attention to them, have been very successful. There is not much enthusiasm among our young men on the enlistment proposition, and those who have enlisted are hoping for an easy position. But I commend them for volunteering their services to the government. And urge every young man whom I meet to enlist at once, and not wait to be forced into service, and in some future day they will be proud to tell future generations that they volunteered their services to defend their country.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

Sumter District Conference to Be Held at Lykesland.

The Sumter District Sunday School Conference will meet at Lebanon church, Lykesland, on May 8-9. Every pastor, every superintendent, and one teacher from each school in the district are expected to be there. A splendid program has been arranged by Dr. H. W. Bays, the presiding elder of the district, and all who come will be well repaid for any time and effort spent in getting there.

Rev. W. C. Owen, field secretary, and Miss Nancy L. Bennett, elementary worker for the State, will be in attendance, and we are sure that they will be of great help and inspiration.

Rev. W. S. Myers, Lykesland, pastor of the Columbia circuit will be the genial host, and please send all names of delegates to him. Remember the date—May 8-9. Remember the place, Lebanon church, near Lykesland, S. C.

## RECRUITING PICKS UP.

Army Takes in 2,368 Men in Day.

Washington, April 24.—The total number of recruits for the army yesterday was 2,368, with Illinois again leading with 394. That State's total since April 1 is 9,771.

## BIG SALE OF COTTON.

Lot of More Than Thousand Bales Brings About \$115,000 to Fortunate Owners.

Georgetown, April 25.—About \$115,000 has been turned loose in Georgetown during the past two weeks from a shipment of cotton that has been in the Rhem Dock and Terminal company's warehouse since last year. One thousand, one hundred and fifty-eight bales, a thousand of which belonged to F. Rhem & Sons, were sold to George H. McFadden & Bros. Agency, of Philadelphia, at 20 cents middling basis. The entire lot was shipped to the firm's agency in Columbia and will be delivered to the cotton mills in the vicinity of the capital city.

## ARMY BILL DEBATE.

House Agrees to Close General Debate Today.

Washington, April 26.—The house has agreed that the general debate on the army bill shall close without adjournment today, leaving only the summing up speeches by the leaders on both sides. The debate on the selective draft feature was continued in both houses.

After a summing up tomorrow, the house will consider the bill under the five minute rule with prospects for a vote Friday night or Saturday. The senate agreed to a vote not later than Saturday night.

## Had Eyeball Removed.

Roy Raines returned last week from a Sumter hospital, where he had been for treatment. While doing carpenter work last January Mr. Raines was hit in the eye by a glancing nail, which made it necessary to remove the ball that the sight of the other eye might be saved.—Hartsville Messenger.

## Opinions from Folks Who Know

For malarial headache, Granger Liver Regulator entirely relieved my trouble.—J. Height, Wetumpka, Ala. Had heavy headache. Vomited twice to six times a day. Four doses of Granger Liver Regulator made me well.—Loudas P. Brindley, Somerville, Ala.

Mother had sick headache. Granger Liver Regulator did her more good than all the medicine she had taken before.—Pearley Davis, Pacia, Ala.

I never expect to be without it in my home.—Jennie Usey, Gadsden, Ala. It is a great saver of doctors' bills.—Louis N. Kent, Honoraville, Ala. There is none better.—Dr. T. E. Cothran, Alexis, Ala.

All druggists sell Granger Liver Regulator—25c. Try it.

## FRENCH PAY CALLS.

Members of French Commission Spend Day Making Official Calls.

Washington, April 26.—The French commission began its first day in Washington with a round of official calls. They were greeted with cheers on the streets, and the automobiles decorated with the French tricolor blew sirens. After calls at the state, war and navy departments, all the commissioners went to the White House, where, through an interpreter President Wilson chatted about ten minutes with Minister Viviani and Marshal Joffre, neither of whom can speak English.

## ELIHU ROOT APPOINTED.

He Accepts Place as Head of Commission to Russia.

Washington, April 26.—Elihu Root, former secretary of State, has formally accepted the chairmanship of the American commission that is to be sent to Russia.

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